in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of the provisions laid down in Articles 341(12) and 342(2) of the Constitution.

Reservation to physically handicapped

*77. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a circular was issued by the Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Deptt. of Personnel and Training on 12-11-89 to the effect that 1 per cent reservation each is allowed to the/ three categories of physically handicapped persons namely, the visually handicapped, the hearing impaired and the orthopaedic;)'--v'icapped in posts to be filled by promotion in Group 'C;

(b) if so, whether the same principle was taken into consideration by the Delhi Administration when it issued orders of promotion to 1255 officials belonging to Grade U, 1U & IV; and

(c) if not, what action Government propose to take to assuage, the feelings of affected persons who belong to physically handicapped categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRi KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir. The order was issued on 20-11-89.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Administration has takeb into consideration the above principle for promotion Grade H and IV of the Delhi Administration sub-crdinate sen/ices and fa taking steps to provide re-servation for physically handicapped persons in promotion in Grade III also.

Lesislatiosi for maintaining Status Quo of religious places

*78. SHRI N. E. BALARAM;
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a law to maintain the status quo of all religious shrines in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN FORMATION AND BROADCAST ING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government has not re ceived any proposal in writing from any party though newspapers have mentioned it.

(b) Does not arise.

दिल्ली को राज्य का दर्जा दिया जाना

*79. डा. रमाकांत पाण्डेय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने दिल्ली को राज्य का दर्जा दिये जाने के संबंध में कोई निर्णय ले लिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) और (ख) संविधान (बहत्तरवां संशोधन) विधेयक, 1990 पहले ही संसद के समक्ष है ।

Intrusion by Pakistanis into Kajasthan

*80. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had cautioned the Rajasthan Government against the possibilities of Pakistani intruders coming to Rajasthan to encourage communal tffoublc and terrorist activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF

STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN FORMATION AND BROADCAST ING (SHRI SUBCDH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The attention of the Government of Rajaslhan has been drawn to the border crossings reported to have taken place through the Rajasthan sector, for appropriate remedial action.

Crisis facing Cinema Industry

471. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large that the Indian cinema industry is facing a crisis; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of cinema houses in the country have closed down and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available in th- distribution Branch Offices of the Films Division, a total number of 321 cinema houses were closed during the year 1989-90. However, at the same time **117** cinema houses were either newly opened or re-opened in various States. The State-wise break-up of the cinema houses closed is as under: —

S. No. S*ates	No. of Cinema Houses closed during 1989-90
1. Ass*m	11
2. Bihar	22
3. G^a, D: iman & Diu	1
4. Gujarat	30
5. Haryana	5
6. Himachal Pradesh	4
7. Jammu & Kashmir	2
8. Karnataka	
9. Madhya Pradesh	35
10 Maharasthra.	69
11 Orissa	11
12 Punjab	10
13 Uttar Pradesh	49
14 West Bengal.	53
. TOTAL	321

'Ararat Ratna' award

472. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHAN-KER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the norms for conferring the 'Bharat Ratna' the highest civilian award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN FORMATION AND BROADCAST ING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY); The decoration of 'Bharat Ratna' is awarded by the President of India to any person in recognition of his/ her exceptional service towards th© ad vancement of Art Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order without any distinction of race, occupation, position or sex.

Policy for recognition of Workers' Unions

473. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not evolved any policy so far regard ing recognition of Workers' Unions in Public, Private and Cooperative Sectors; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of applications for recognition of Unions are pending for years in the ab sence of any clear guidelines; and